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SUBJECT: FRG PARTICIPATION IN NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE

1. COUNSELOR BAUCH OF FRG MISSION GENEVA CALLED ON ZURHELLEN JANUARY 30 AND SAID BONN HAD SENT TELEGRAM TO WASHINGTON AND LONDON INSTRUCTING DEMARCHES ON USG AND UKG IN HOPE OF GETTING SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATION IN NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE BY SIGNATORIES WHO HAVE NOT YET RATIFIED. BAUCH SAID INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO HIGHLIGHT FRG DESIRE TO MAINTAIN COMMON MARKET UNITY ON NUCLEAR AS WELL AS OTHER MATTERS. IN EVENT FRG IS NOT ABLE, BECAUSE OF PROBLEM WITH ITALY, TO PARTICIPATE IN REVIEW CONFERENCE AS NPT PARTY, IT HOPES "LIMITED" STATUS CAN BE OFFERED WHICH WOULD, AT MINIMUM, INCLUDE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- A. RIGHT TO SPEAK IN PLENARY;
- B. RIGHT TO "WORK TOGETHER IN COMMITTEES";
- C. RIGHT TO SUBMIT "WORKING PAPERS" TO CONFERENCE.

2. IN EXPLANATION BAUCH SAID THIS STATUS WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO BE ACCORDED ALL SIGNATORIES, AND NOT ONLY THOSE WHO HAD, LIKE FRG, COMPLETED INTERNAL RATIFICATION PROCEDURES. AS TO "B." ABOVE, HE STATED
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THIS WAS VERBATIM IN TERM USED IN INSTRUCTIONS AND

HE COULD NOT ELABORATE.

3. ZURHELLEN THANKED BAUCH FOR THIS PREVIEW OF DEMARCHE IN WASHINGTON AND SAID IT WAS HLEPFUL AND MORE REALISTIC THAN PREVIOUS GERMAN ATTEMPT TO GET FULL POWER STATUS, INCLUDING VOTING. NEVERTHELESS, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT DECISION ON OBSERVER STATUS WILL BE MADE BY PREPCOM AS A WHOLE, WHICH INCLUDES SOME PARTIES WHO MAY HAVE INTERESTS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF US AND UK. ZURHELLEN ASKED WHETHER THIS DEMARCHE MEANT THAT FRG HAD GIVEN UP ON ITALIAN RATIFICATION OR HAD GIVEN UP ON IDEA OF DEPOSITING ITS OWN RATIFICATION UNILATERALLY IF ITALY CONTINUED TO BALK.

4. BAUCH SAID THAT IT APPEARED FROM ROME REPORTS THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WAS PRESSING AHEAD ON RATIFICATION AND FRG HOPED THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN IN TIME FOR ALL TO DEPOSIT RATIFICATIONS BEFORE REVIEW CONFERENCE. HE BELIEVED, HOSEVER, THAT DICISION HAD BEEN TAKEN IN FRG NOT TO GO IT ALONE AND DEPOSIT RATIFICATION IF ITALY DID NOT RATIFY. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, IF ITALY MADE STRONG EFFORT TO RATIFY AND IT WAS COMPELTELY CLEAR THAT RATIFICATION WOULD FOLLOW WITHIN REASONABLE PERIOD BUT COULD NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY MAY 5, THEN HE WOULD NOT ABSOLUTELY EXCLUDE FRG CHANGING ITS POSITION AND RATIFYING WITHOUT ITALY.

5. ZURHELLEN TOLD BAUCH THAT WE HAD HEARD PROPOSAL FROM ONE DELEGATION TO EFFECT THAT SIGNATORIES, IF GIVEN CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE, SHOULD BE ASSESSED THEIR SHARE OF COSTS ON SAME BASIS AS PARTIES. POINTED OUT THIS WAS SO FAR ONLY A SUGGESTION WHICH HAD NOT RECEIVED FULL CONSIDERATION BY US OR OTHERS, BUT MIGHT WELL GAIN ADHERENCE ESPECIALLY IF PREPCOM PROVIDES RELATIVELY FULL ROLE FOR SIGNATORIES. WE HAD NOT YET FORMED ANY POSITION ON OUR OWN ON THIS POINT, BUT FRG MIGHT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT THIS SENTIMENT
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LIKELY TO APPEAR. LATER WE HEARD SAME IDEA FROM ANOTHER PARTY AFTER BAUCH CONVERSATION, WHO SAID ASSESSMENT OF SIGNATIRIES "WOULD GO WITHOUT SAYING" IF THEY GRANTED SIGNIFICANT ROLE).

6. ZURHELLEN ASSURED BAUCH USG WOULD TAKE OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS INTO FULL ACCOUNT IN DECIDING OUR POSITION IN PREPCOM. HE PROPOSED, AND BAUCH AGREED,

TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH AS DEBATE PROCEEDS AND TO
CONSULT FURTHER IF NECESSARY.

7. FYI: IN DELEGATION'S VIEW THREE MINIMUM
CRITERIA OUTLINED ABOVE BY FRG ARE LIKELY TO BE
MET BY PREPCOM. TO GUARD AGAINST FRG DISSAPPOINTMENT IF
THIS ESTIMATE IS OFF, AND TO CONTINUE MAXIMUM
INCENTIVE TOWARDS RATIFICATION AS LONG AS POSSIBLE,
RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT NOT FURNISH THIS ESTIMATE
TO FRG AT THIS TIME BUT LET IT COME OUT, IF IT DOES,
DURING FUTHER CONSUTLATIONS IN GENEVA.DALE

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